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The Court apologizes that this request fell through the cracks, but it is GRANTED *nunc pro tunc*.

The Clerk of Court is directed to

SO ORDERED.

Arun Subramanian, U.S.D.J. Dated: September 20, 2024

terminate the motion at Dkt. 35.

**VIA ECF** 

Honorable Arun Subramanian United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 15A New York, NY 10007

Case N

Re:

Wang v. The Philharmonic-Symphony Society of New York, Inc., et al.

July 29, 2024

Case No. 1:24-cv-03356 (AS) (RWL) [Rel: Case No. 1:24-cv-03348 (AS) (RWL)]

Dear Judge Subramanian:

Mr. Wang anticipates filing, later today, a single *combined* memorandum of law of approximately 46 pages that briefs each Defendant's motion to dismiss as well as Mr. Wang's motion for partial summary judgment. To the extent permission is necessary for our proposed combined memorandum of law, we respectfully seek such permission.

Because the Court does not have a specific rule for the length of combined filings, we reached out to Defendants on that subject. Defendants did not directly state a position regarding the length of our combined memorandum of law, and instead objected conceptually to our filing of a combined memorandum. Defendants objected that because their motions to dismiss contain some distinct arguments (in addition to the arguments they each make that are the same as the other) that it would be "inappropriate" for Mr. Wang to address Defendants' dismissal arguments in one memorandum of law. Likewise, Defendants objected to Wang's inclusion of his summary judgment arguments in the same memorandum of law because summary judgment is "distinct" from a motion to dismiss. Finally, Defendants are concerned that if Wang can avoid having to repeat his statement of facts in three separate memoranda, he might use some of the pages saved through the avoidance of repetition to be able to make a "longer substantive argument." A copy of the email from Joshua Fox, articulating these objections (in which the Union joined), is attached.

Respectfully, it is neither inappropriate nor unusual, when responding to related but distinct claims separately asserted by different parties, to do so in the same responsive brief. For example, where codefendants file criminal appeals that raise distinct legal issues, the Government will regularly request and receive permission to file a combined brief that exceeds the Court of Appeals' ordinary word limitations. Wang's request is not conceptually different.

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Thus, to the extent permission is required to file a combined memorandum of law, we respectfully seek permission to file a memorandum no longer than 46 pages. Such a combined memorandum would be almost 20 pages shorter than the 65 total pages that would be permitted under the Court's rules, if we were instead to file three separate memoranda of law. By filing a single memorandum, we can avoid having to make numerous cross references between three memoranda, or the need to repeat facts and legal discussion in the three memoranda common to each of the three motions.

Respectfully,

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ASL:bp Attachment From: Fox, Joshua S. <jfox@proskauer.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2024 5:40 PM

**To:** Lewis, Alan S.

**Cc:** Olivia R. Singer; Jacqueline Gerrald; Steve Hyman; Robbins, Howard Z.; Blutman, Alexander J.;

Susan Davis; Meara, Karen E.

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memorandum of law

We do not consent to the request for several reasons. First, the motions to dismiss contain distinct legal claims and defenses as to each defendant, and we believe it would be inappropriate to combine them in one memorandum of law. Second, with respect to the anticipated summary judgment motion, although we do not know what will be argued, it is also a distinct motion from the motions to dismiss that should not be combined. Third, if there is one statement of facts in an omnibus memorandum of law, then that effectively provides Plaintiff with a far longer substantive argument section that Defendants each managed within for purposes of their motions to dismiss. We also note that it is unreasonable to press this request on us on the eve of filing, particularly given the length of time Plaintiff had to prepare the submissions.